(c) whether any estimate has been made as to what will be the total requirement of liquid fuel for allocation to power projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Power Ministry has opted for a two-pronged strategy for the upcoming liquid fuel power projects; and

(f) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Detailed Guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Power on 23.12.1996 to the concerned states for recommending projects for naphtha/liquid fuel linkage within the capacity (in MW) allocation to the respective States. The total capacity allocated to the states is 12,000 MW. States are making project-wise recommendations for provisional linkage.

Anta gas based Power Project

3973. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :
SHRI PARASRAM MEGHWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NTPC has earlier planned second gas power station of 413 MW capacity at Anta and no head way on it was made as the Union Government has not provided gas linkage for Anta gas thermal power project stage-II;

(b) if so, whether the Government had allocated gas to power stations in Delhi & Gujarat after the Anta Stage-II was conceived, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the Anta Stage-II gas based thermal station of NTPC is likely to get gas allocations and the Union Government sanction;

(d) whether the gas allocation for the existing Anta GTPS is adequate to operate it as base load station; and

(e) if not, when additional allocation of gas is likely to be made for Stage-I and also for Stage-II ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had planned in September, 1988 a second gas power project of 413 MW at Anta in Rajasthan for which only 0.25 MCMD of gas was allocated.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) NTPC is now planning to put up a dual fuel fired combined cycle gas station of 650 MW capacity using either naphtha or LNG till gas is made available in the 9th plan.

(d) and (e) The present gas allocation to the existing Anta gas power station is adeguate for running at about 62% PLF.

Off-Shore Exploration

3974. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of oil produced from deep off-shore exploration per year;

(b) whether the Government propose to intensify the off-shore exploration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No crude oil is presently being produced from the deep off-shore.

(b) and (c) The exploration activities are planned to be intensified through acquisition of 2D and 3D seismic data in the Eastern and Western off-shore. 2 locations each in the East and West deep off-shore has been prioritised for drilling on the basis of evaluation of seismic data already acquired.

Further during the IX Plan. ONGC plan to acquire 179000 LKm. of 2D and 3D seismic data in Western offshore, and 9800 LK of 3D and 1405 LK of 2D in K.G. off-shore and 680 LK of 2D in Cauvery off-shore. OIL plans to carry out exploratory drilling of 9000 M in the Saurashtra off-shore in the 9th Plan.

In addition to above, Government has since 1991, awarded contracts for exploration of oil in 12 off-shore blocks to various companies under the different exploration bidding rounds.

Encroachments

3975. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item entitled "Union blames Government land mafia : Fraud on landless rural workers" appearing in the 'Pioneer' dated February 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The attention of this Ministry has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Pioneer' dated 15.2.97. It appears that the persons aggrieved by the order of the